Contract with Oman Oil Company

6776. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of top executives from the Oman Oil Company visited Delhi in March to negotiate the price of natural gas to be supplied to India through the proposed deep-sea pipelines;

(b) if so, whether Oman Oil Company is keen to quickly finalise the contract for the pipeline with the Indian Government before the agreement can be signed between India and Iran;

(c) if so, whether Petroleum Ministry is also keen to finalise the price of the gas from Oman; and

(d) if so, by when the final agreement in this regard is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d). The terms and conditions for the supply of gas from Oman to India including the price of gas are being discussed with the Oman Oil Company.

Probe against private companies engaged in marketing of LPG

6777. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DG of Investigation and Regulation under the Ministry of Law has conducted an enquiry into the activities of 109 companies which have secured approval and clearance from the Ministry of Petroleum to import and sell LPG, SKO and LSHS at market determined price under their own arrangements;

(b) if so, whether numbers of complaints were received by the Ministry against these private LPG firms;

(c) if so, what was the outcome of the probe;

(d) whether the recommendations of the probe committee have been examined; and

(e) what action has been taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) According to MRTP Commission, the Director General of Investigation and Registration has started investigation against 109 parallel marketeers. The parallel marketeers are not required to obtain any approval from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to import and sell LPG, kerosene and LSHS under the Parallel Marketing System.

(b) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discovery of Natural Gas and Oil in Chandeli by ONGC

6778. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that gas and oil reserves have been found at Chandeli 37 Km. from Rajkot in Lidhika Taluka by ONGC; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings and viability of commercial explotation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND